GRANTEE: San Luis Obispo County

**Community College District** 

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 8106

San Luis Obispo, California 93403-8106

AMOUNT: \$1,504,188

**DURATION**: 24 months

**POPULATION SERVED**: The program is targeted toward employed health care workers, unemployed workers, women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities in San Luis Obispo County between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION**: The project in partnership with five major regional health care providers will provide and strengthen regional training for registered nurses by increasing program enrollments, improving retention of enrolled students, and increasing the success of first-time nurses placed in full time jobs. The project will address a critical regional and statewide crisis relating to the shortage of nurses, provide an on-going pool of skilled workers to fill the H1-B shortage, address chronic challenges in recruiting and retaining students in the region's only Registered Nursing degree program and will better prepare graduates for their first time placements in a hospital or clinical setting.

**KEY PARTICIPANTS**: Arroyo Grande Community Hospital, French Hospital Medical Center, Tenet Health Systems – Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center and Twin Cities Hospital, Compass Health, Inc. and Cuesta College.

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